

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the application.

Applicant has amended the specification to recite additional related information.

Claims 1-148 were previously pending in this application. By this preliminary amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 6-7, 12-16, 32-34, 37, 42-46, 57-139, 141-147 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 8-9, 40, 47, 140 and 148, have been amended to reduce filing fees. As a result, claims 1-5, 8-11, 17-31, 35-36, 38-41, 47-56, 140 and 148 are pending for examination with claim 1 being independent claim. No new matter has been added.

If any other information is needed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at (617) 720-3500 to expedite the further prosecution of this patent application. If the enclosed fees filed are not sufficient, the balance may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,



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